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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7939

BILL NUMBER: SB 591

NOTE PREPARED: May 2, 2005

BILL AMENDED: Apr 29, 2005

SUBJECT: Professions and Occupations.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. T Brown

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires members of the State Psychology Board and the Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist, and Mental Health Counselor Board to meet before July 1, 2005, to establish, for recommendation to the Legislative Council: (1) definitions of assessment, diagnosis, psychological testing, and appraisal instrument; and (2) criteria individuals should be required to meet to be authorized to perform or use assessment, diagnosis, psychological testing, and appraisal instruments. It requires the board members to submit a report to the Legislative Council not later than October 1, 2005. The bill also provides that the State Psychology Board may not adopt new rules to establish, maintain, and update a list of restricted psychology tests and instruments until after December 31, 2005.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill provides that at least three members each of the State Psychology Board and the Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist, and Mental Health Counselor Board to meet at least once to establish certain recommendations to be made to the Legislative Council. The bill also provides that the members may receive per diem. The minimal fiscal impact of this bill is estimated to be approximately \$500 for six members to attend one meeting. The impact is based on \$50 per diem for each of the six members and mileage. As of April 2005, the mileage rate was \$0.34 per mile.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State Psychology Board; Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist and Mental Health Counselor Board.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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